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MEMORANDUM

TO : Chief STB

SUBJECT: Special Demonstration of ITS Equipment

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1. On Thursday, 1 March 1951, Mr. [REDACTED] of TRD advised this section of a demonstration of special equipment to be conducted jointly by OAD and the Investigative Techniques section of TRD.

2. It was not known at the time whether ITS had any contribution to make to such a demonstration which would not be covered by OAD.

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3. On Friday the 2nd of March, [REDACTED] of OAD was contacted and it was determined that the only contribution of ITS should be in the field of locks and security devices. It was generally agreed that the display should be as extensive as possible, including various working models and other displays.

4. It was suggested to [REDACTED] that if an extensive display of equipment were desired it would be much simpler to have the people involved visit the ITS display room as any attempt to set up an extensive display becomes a major moving problem. However, for security reasons it was felt best to use the room facilities in "L" Building jointly with OAD.

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5. Mr. [REDACTED] was selected to represent ITS and to arrange the display. The demonstration had been tentatively scheduled to begin at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon of Friday the 5th. During the morning of the 5th Mr. [REDACTED] attempted by telephone to contact the necessary parties in order to obtain access to the demonstration room to set up the display.

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6. He was unable to obtain access to the room during the morning which left insufficient time to set up the display other than that which could be carried in a brief case.

7. The demonstration had been scheduled to begin at 3:00 o'clock with the ITS portion to go on at 4:00 o'clock and to be completed in approximately forty-five (45) minutes.

8. Although the demonstration was ready to go at the scheduled time, it did not actually begin until 4:45 and continued with the OAD demonstration until 5:45 at which point it was agreed by all parties to cut the demonstration short due to the lateness of the hour. Mr. [REDACTED] returned without having participated in the program at all.

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9. It is suggested that such a lack of coordination completely destroys the effectiveness of any such demonstration and that in the future this situation should be rectified.

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